

1 March 1954

Mr. Douglas MacArthur, II  
The Counselor  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doug:

I have read with interest your letter of January 19, 1954, to which I have deferred replying pending your return from the Berlin Conference.

In my opinion, your letter and the enclosures give the background with respect to the attitude taken here toward the NATO suggestion which your letter describes.

As I indicated at the time of our meeting with Mrs. Luce, CIA was not favorably disposed toward the Danish Proposal. We were confident that the various security services of the NATO countries would not wish to pool, in a NATO committee, any sensitive information with respect to their anti-communist and anti-subversive measures. Frankly, I would not wish to urge them to do so in view of the security risks involved.

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held. It seems appropriate that the FBI should be the official spokesman since internal security questions were involved, and these, as respects the United States, are not within our charter. However, abroad we maintain contact with various internal security services on anti-communist and counterintelligence matters. Hence, we desired to follow the proceedings of the committee and through it to keep in touch with the various foreign security agencies. In my opinion, this NATO committee has not as yet produced any results of real value.

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Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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